PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
*of* MADISON

November 1, 2026

All Saints Day

# ORDER of WORSHIP

## THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People: Who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: In life and in death,

**People: We belong to God.**

Leader: There is nothing that can separate us from the love of God. Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,

**People: Nothing can separate us from the love of God.**

(Music for the hymns is in the back of the bulletin.)

***Opening Hymn** *We Know That Christ Is Raised*

### Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, in every age you raise up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. We praise the powerful and neglect the weak. We hold on to resentments until bitterness grips us. We become angry, persist in our rage, and refuse to practice self-control. We become entitled, instead of looking for ways to serve one another. Give us courage to follow in your way, so that we might join those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love.

**Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news!

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

***Congregational Response #582** *Glory to God*

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,*
*And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,*
*And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free,*
*As it was in the beginning,*
*Is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

(You may pass the peace to one another.)

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

**Children's Message**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**O God, your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth and strength to follow on the path you set before us. Through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

**Scripture Reading** Psalm 34:1-10, 22

I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.
O magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.
Look to him, and be radiant,
so your faces shall never be ashamed.
This poor soul cried and was heard by the Lord
and was saved from every trouble.
The angel of the Lord encamps
around those who fear him and delivers them.

O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are those who take refuge in him.
O fear the Lord, you his holy ones,
for those who fear him have no want.
The young lions suffer want and hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

The Lord redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Scripture Reading** Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
"Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** What does it mean to be blessed?

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith** Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.

**The Gifts of Our Tithes and Offering**

**Minute for Stewardship** Peter Teshima

**Invitation to Offering**

**Offertory**

***Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*
*Praise Christ all people here below;*
*Alleluia, Alleluia!*
*Praise Holy Spirit evermore;*
*Praise Triune God whom we adore.*
*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*
*Amen!*

***Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving**

**The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

**Invitation to the Lord's Table**

**The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

One: The Lord be with you!

**All: And also with you!**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Sanctus**

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!*
*Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;*
*Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!*
*God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

**Communion Hymn** *Take, O Take Me as I Am*

***Communion of the People**

**Prayers after Communion and the Lord's Prayer**

**Joys and Concerns**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## GOING FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

***Closing Hymn** *For All the Saints*

***Charge and Blessing**

***Postlude**

*As our time of worship comes to an end, our time of service begins.*
*We are the church, sent out in Jesus' name,*
*to be Christ's body in the world.*

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## WORSHIP LEADER

Nichole Maldonado-Gorsak

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE CALL OF A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A Special Meeting of the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church of Madison will be held on **Sunday, November 1, 2026** immediately following worship to:

- Receive the recommendation of Session that Pastor Carol Howard be installed as pastor effective January 1, 2027
- Review the proposed Terms of Call
- And, if the way be clear, proceed to approve the move from Covenant Supply Pastor to Installed Pastor and approve the proposed Terms of Call

All active members are urged to attend the Congregational Meeting.

Rebecca A. Moody

Clerk of Session

Secretary of the Board of Trustees

## BIBLE STUDY - MONDAYS AT 6:30 PM

Please join us in the Parlor on Mondays, at 6:30 pm, starting on October 19.

## MISSION SUNDAY: GRATITUDE FOR ALL!

Seeing all of you on Mission Sunday was really wonderful! Our community was so alive and inspired with worship, learning, discussion, music, and food!! The Mission Team is grateful to all our nonprofit partners who participated: Interfaith Food Pantry Network, RAMP, Homeless Solutions, nourish.NJ, Mt. Pleasant Animal Shelter, & Jersey Cares. And, of course, we're grateful to you for joining in and participating!! Thank you!

Whenever you have ideas for mission projects for our church community, please talk to any Mission Team member: Sara Burnet, Louise Kacerek, Susan Mennella, Becky Moody, Marietjie Mostert, Julie Siciliano, Kathleen Underwood, or Pastor Carol.

**THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE FOR INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY NETWORK (IFPN)**

**Starting October 18 and through November 1,** we will collect Thanksgiving food items for IFPN. Below is the needed foods list; please leave your donations in Doris's Wagon (by the church office) or in the narthex. Mission Sunday (October 25) is a special collection day, as we ask all attending worship that day to come with Thanksgiving foods in hand!

With much gratitude for our own Thanksgiving tables and all who surround them, let's give others a Thanksgiving to enjoy and remember.

**Thanksgiving Food Needs List**

turkey, turkey breast, ham or large chicken
instant mashed potatoes
stuffing
turkey gravy (no glass jars please)
cranberry sauce
canned yams or sweet potatoes
hearty soup
canned vegetables (corn, peas, green beans)
apple, cranberry, grape (100% fruit juice) (64oz)
muffin or roll mix
brownie mix or cake mix and icing
coffee, tea, hot cocoa mix
fresh potatoes, yams, onions, apples & oranges

**ONLINE GIVING**

Thank you for supporting the vision and ministry of the Presbyterian Church of Madison. Scan the following QR code to use our secure online giving form to make a one-time donation or conveniently schedule recurring gifts.

*Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*
2 Corinthians 9:7

# PRAYER LIST

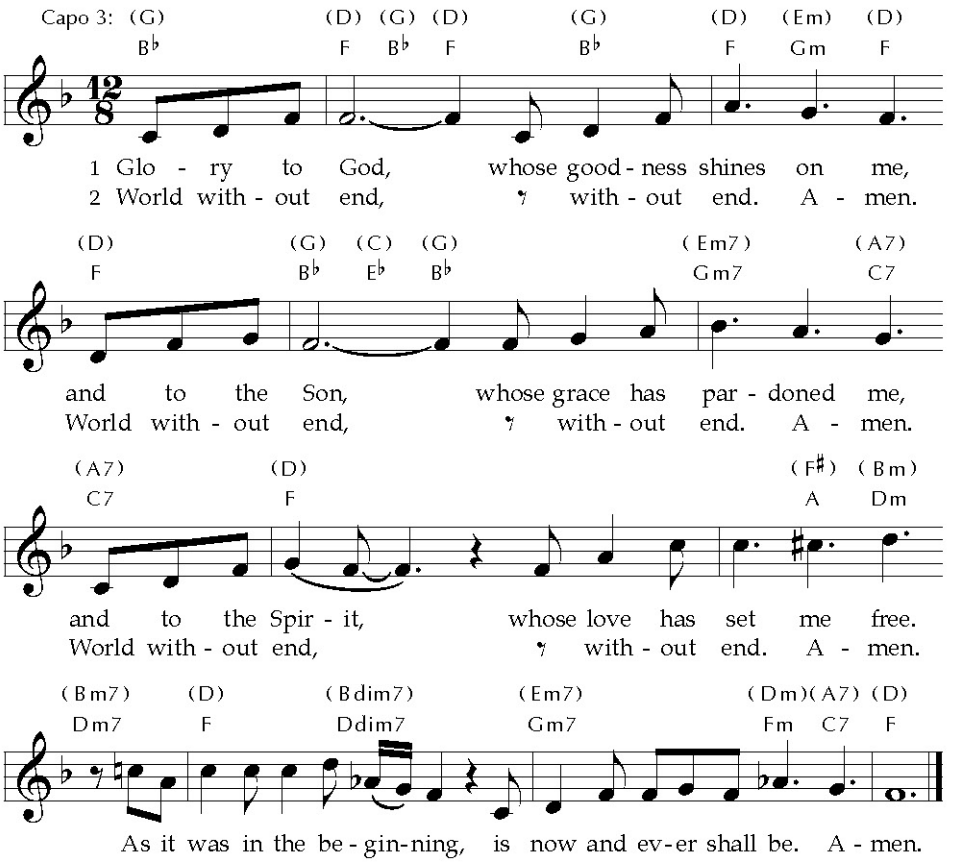
During the week, each one of us can make it a part of our daily spiritual practice to pray. You are invited to participate, as you are able, offering prayer in light of God's healing love.

If you have an update for the prayer list, please email Rev. Carol Howard at carolhoward@pcmadison.org or call the church office at 973-377-1600. Thank you for helping us maintain a more current prayer list.

- Thanksgiving for the life of John, and peace for Louise as she mourns his passing
- Marietjie and family, after the recent passing of Marietjie's sister
- Noel, in need of a living kidney donor
- Grant for recovery
- Joe and his family on a hard journey with his elderly parents
- Brody for recovery
- Laurie living with Parkinson's disease
- Jack living with Parkinson's and Melissa (his daughter) and Lynn (his wife) as they encourage and support him
- John in a Mayo Clinic clinical trial for a rare form of Parkinson's
- Jackie and her children, as they grieve their husband and father
- Doug, a friend of the Burnet family, who was recently diagnosed with a serious illness
- Immigrants
- Kathleen, caregiver for her parents
- Susan, sister of Bob Landrigan, as she battles Parkinson's disease

# We Know That Christ Is Raised 485

# 582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me



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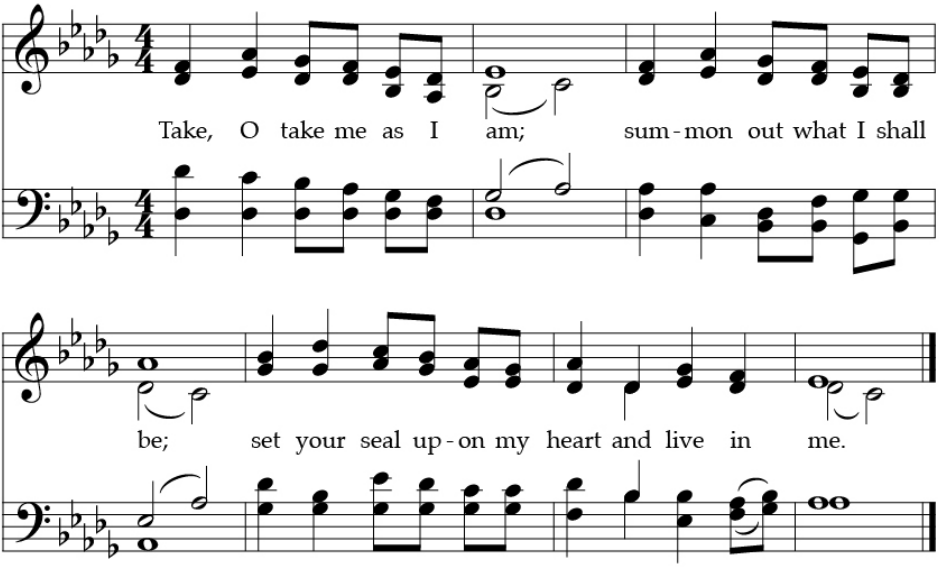

# 326 For All the Saints

*Harmony, stanza 3*

WELCOMING ALL

AS A LOVING COMMUNITY

CENTERED IN CHRIST,

GROWING IN FAITH,

SERVING IN JOY, AND

LIVING IN GRATITUDE

## STAFF

**Reverend Carol Howard**
**Pastor**

Christine Antico
Bookkeeper

Eileen Koppi
Administrative Assistant

Michael Callahan
Student Ministries & Outreach

Anna D'Achille
Director of Music

## WORSHIP

**Sunday Service 10:15 am**

## SESSION

Rachel Currie
Susana Fonticoba
Ethan Gorsak
Stephanie Haedrich
Becky Moody - Clerk
John Schanck
Julie Siciliano
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